

## THE PRESBYTERIANS.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Recommendations of the Ad-Interim Committee on Young People's Work—Dr. Hodge Addresses the Synod.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.) LEXINGTON, VA., October 19.—At the request of the moderator, Dr. Kerr, the devotional session occupying the first half hour of the synod's session was conducted by Rev. J. H. Moore.

The Presbytery of Greenbrier having important business to attend to, and not having adjourned to meet here, the Synod, by request, ordered a meeting to be held.

A committee was appointed to nominate a committee to take charge of the evangelistic work for the coming year.

The unfinished business, the report on Home Missions, and the proposed first recommendation depicting a spirit to contrast two causes that are in harmony, the home missions and foreign missions, had been previously struck out. The recommendations that presbyteries, groups of their local churches, and nearly-organized parishes be fostered, and the results of mission work be conserves by Presbyteries, tribal care, and that regard be had to the right and claims of other evangelical churches were considered.

THIS SPECIAL ORDER.

Whilst the last recommendation relating to the Home Missions proposed place for further home-mission work was under consideration, in view of a special order, it was postponed, and the report of the Ad-Interim Committee on Young People's Work was called for.

Rev. J. H. Moore, moderator, read the report and made clear explanations of its purpose. He was followed by Rev. T. H. Hovey, also a member of the committee, who advocated it forcibly. A general discussion followed, in which many members of the synod, the first hour, had limited time for five minutes. The report recognized the fact that the young people of the church are becoming more and more active, and it is important that their activities should be directed and made more useful by our church control. All organized work must be within church lines.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In the morning session, after a full discussion, recommendations were adopted as follows:

1. We would emphasize the well-known position of our Church that the family is the best equipped training school for the young, and would affectionately urge upon parents the importance of enlisting the children in all the activities and functions of the church.

2. We would urge the distinctness of the young people in church and session, and provide some definite work for young converts immediately upon their admission to church membership.

HELPFUL EXERCISES.

We would suggest as helpful exercises the following: First, a weekly half-hour class in school a month to a piano-lesson; second, preaching stated to the young people; third, frequent congressional meetings, in which the whole work of the church shall be discussed; fourth, enlisting the young people in contributions to all causes of church beneficence.

TEN YEARS.

We would encourage the organization of societies of young people in every church on such basis as the session of the Presbytery, and hope that the church, or that the world, would be as uniform and efficient as possible, the world would suggest to church sessions as a model for such societies the following constitution and by-laws: providing for an organization within the church, and giving no connection with any similar independent青年 people's society.

Rev. Hovey spoke on the general subject by special request of the synod, and without the limitation of the five-minute rule.

The consideration of the constitution was deferred till after the missionary meeting tonight.

THE NIGHT SESSION.

At the night session an address was made by Mr. M. H. Houston, secretary of foreign missions, Mr. W. E. Sherrard, president of the American Board, and Mr. W. E. Hatchet, that was listened to with intense interest by the congregation that overswelled the church. He gave an account of explorations among the people in the Congo country, and of his services in that field.

Rev. Hovey related some thrilling adventures, and described in graphic style the customs of the natives. He is a ready and attractive speaker, Richmond people who have an opportunity to hear him will find the speakers at Sabbath afternoon at Dr. Hovey's church COMMITTED.

The proposed constitution for the young people's society was taken up, and at 11 o'clock the whole report was recommended to the same committee to report next year.

BEDFORD CITY'S BOARD OF TRADE.

An Organization to Develop the County and City Resources—Personal.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.)

BEDFORD CITY, October 18.—Fifty of Bedford's merchants, bankers, tobaccoists, manufacturers, and business-men met in the Opera-House last night and organized themselves into the Board of Trade of Bedford City. The meeting, which was called to order by E. D. Gregory, of the Index, was presided over by Major N. D. Hawkins, in the chair, and the press representatives as secretary.

A committee of six on permanent organization—Messrs. T. D. Berry, E. D. Gregory, E. H. Stone, and Mr. A. F. Palmer, of the Index. Major Hawkins was elected to draw up a constitution and by-laws, and report at the next meeting, Tuesday, October 24th.

This organization has been formed to better develop the resources of the county and give great strength by concerted action to all matters of improvement and progress.

MONTHLY MEETINGS.

Meetings will be held monthly, at which will be discussed roads and road questions, or which depends so largely the success of the business of the community, the crops of the country, and how these may be made a real asset to the home production and use of meat and flour, and other questions of vital interest to the town. Much good is expected from these meetings.

LUNENBURG SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Gorman Bailey Being Wounded, Fired and Shot Somebody and Left.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

KEYSVILLE, VA., October 19.—In a drunken row four men from Fredericksburg, Va., beat the young German Bailey, who was badly wounded on the head. Those men were the house and window. He does not know who shot him; thinks it was his brother. An officer was sent to the window, striking some one. He did not want to find out who but came here to a physician. An officer has gone to the scene.

Sudden Death in the Dispatch.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.)

ALEXANDRIA, VA., October 19.—The wife of Miss Mary C. Hoxton and Mr. Samuel Brown, of the Hoxton family, attended St. Paul's church here to-night. The bride was married to Dr. Hoxton, a man of high social standing. The bride was a widow, aged about 30 years, and her husband, a man of middle age, had been separated from his wife for several years.

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